

Remarks:

Claims 1-17 are pending and have been finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Duran.

In particular, the Examiner states that, Duran discloses the instant claimed invention as described above except for the central housing formed of a unitary piece of metal. The Examiner further states that modifying Duran to have such a central housing formed of unitary metal would have been obvious at the time the invention was made.

Applicants respectfully but strongly disagree. Various molding and die cast technologies have been available for decades. However, heretofore, there have been no housings of which Applicants are aware that are the same as claimed in the instant invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed unitary metal housing is not obvious and therefore patentable over the cited references.

Conclusion:

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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